



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	20-0012 Hurricane Hanna
Date	July 26, 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 25 to July 26, 2020
Report Number	3

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	3 & 6
DDCs Active	DDC's 17, 20 & 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Hanna was upgraded to a category one Hurricane at 7:00 AM, Saturday, July 25, 2020. Hurricane Hanna made two landfalls Saturday, the first on Padre Island and the second in central Kenedy County at 5:00 PM as a strong Category 1 Hurricane (90 mph winds). The winds spread onshore in the eastern eyewall. Strong winds began to spread over the more heavily populated areas of South Texas. Weakening should continue as the system moves across land. However, strong winds could push as far south as the Rio Grande Valley during the overnight hours. In addition to the strong winds, flooding rains are occurring over South Texas. Some flash flooding occurred overnight and may continue into today.

On July 25, Governor Abbott held a press conference at the Alternate State Operations Center in Austin where he provided an update on the state's response to Hurricane Hanna. Prior to the press conference, the Governor received a weather briefing on Hurricane Hanna from the Texas Division of Emergency Management's (TDEM) meteorologist, as well as an update on response and preparedness efforts from state agency directors and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Governor issued the disaster declaration for Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, and Zapata counties. The declaration provides the Governor the ability to waive statutes or administrative rules that may hinder the response or recovery, as well as the ability to ask for federal assistance in response to Hurricane Hanna.

The following resources have been activated by TDEM:

- Texas A&M Forest Service: Saw Crews and Incident Management Teams
- Texas A&M Engineering and Extension Service: Texas A&M Task Force One and Two Search and Rescue Teams
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Boat Teams to support Water Rescue Operations
- Texas Military Department: High Profile Vehicle packages
- Department of State Health Services: Emergency Medical Task Force severe weather packages
- Texas Department of Transportation: High Profile Vehicles
- Texas Department of Public Safety – Texas Highway Patrol: Search and Rescue Aircraft with hoist capability and the Tactical Marine Unit

For more flood safety tips, [visit ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).

[View the Governor's Disaster Declaration](#)

[View the Federal Emergency Declaration Request](#)

On July 24, Governor Abbott issued the following statement after the National Hurricane Center issued a Hurricane Warning and Storm Surge Warnings for several parts of the Texas Coast as Tropical Storm Hanna approaches the state:

For more information, visit www.hurricanes.gov

On July 23, Governor Abbott placed numerous resources on standby across the state in anticipation of severe weather spurring from a Tropical Depression in the Gulf.

Texans are urged to follow these flood preparedness and safety tips during severe weather events:

- Know types of flood risk in your area. Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center for information here: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>
- Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Build an emergency supply kit. For more information on how to build a kit, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
- Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy. Homeowner's policies do not cover flooding. It typically takes up to 30 days for a policy to go into effect so the time to buy is well before a disaster. Get flood coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies.

- Protect your property. Move valuables to higher levels. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery.
- Be extremely cautious of any water on roads or in creeks, streams, storm drains, or other areas – never attempt to cross flowing streams or drive across flooded roadways and always observe road barricades placed for your protection. Remember, Turn Around Don't Drown.

Weather:

At 1000 AM CDT (1500 UTC), the center of Tropical Storm Hanna was located near latitude 26.1 North, longitude 99.7 West. Hanna is moving toward the west-southwest near 9 mph (15 km/h) and this motion is expected to continue through Monday. On the forecast track, the center of Hanna should continue to move farther inland over northeastern Mexico through tonight.

Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 45 mph (75 km/h) with higher gusts. Additional weakening is expected as the center of Hanna moves farther inland, and the cyclone is expected to weaken to a tropical depression later today and dissipate Monday or Monday night.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 105 miles (165 km) from the center.

The estimated minimum central pressure is 995 mb (29.39 inches).

STORM SURGE: Water levels along the Texas coast will gradually subside through this afternoon. Consult products issued by your local National Weather Service forecast office for additional information.

WIND: Tropical storm conditions will continue near the center of Hanna for the next several hours, and along the coast of Mexico within the warning area for a few more hours.

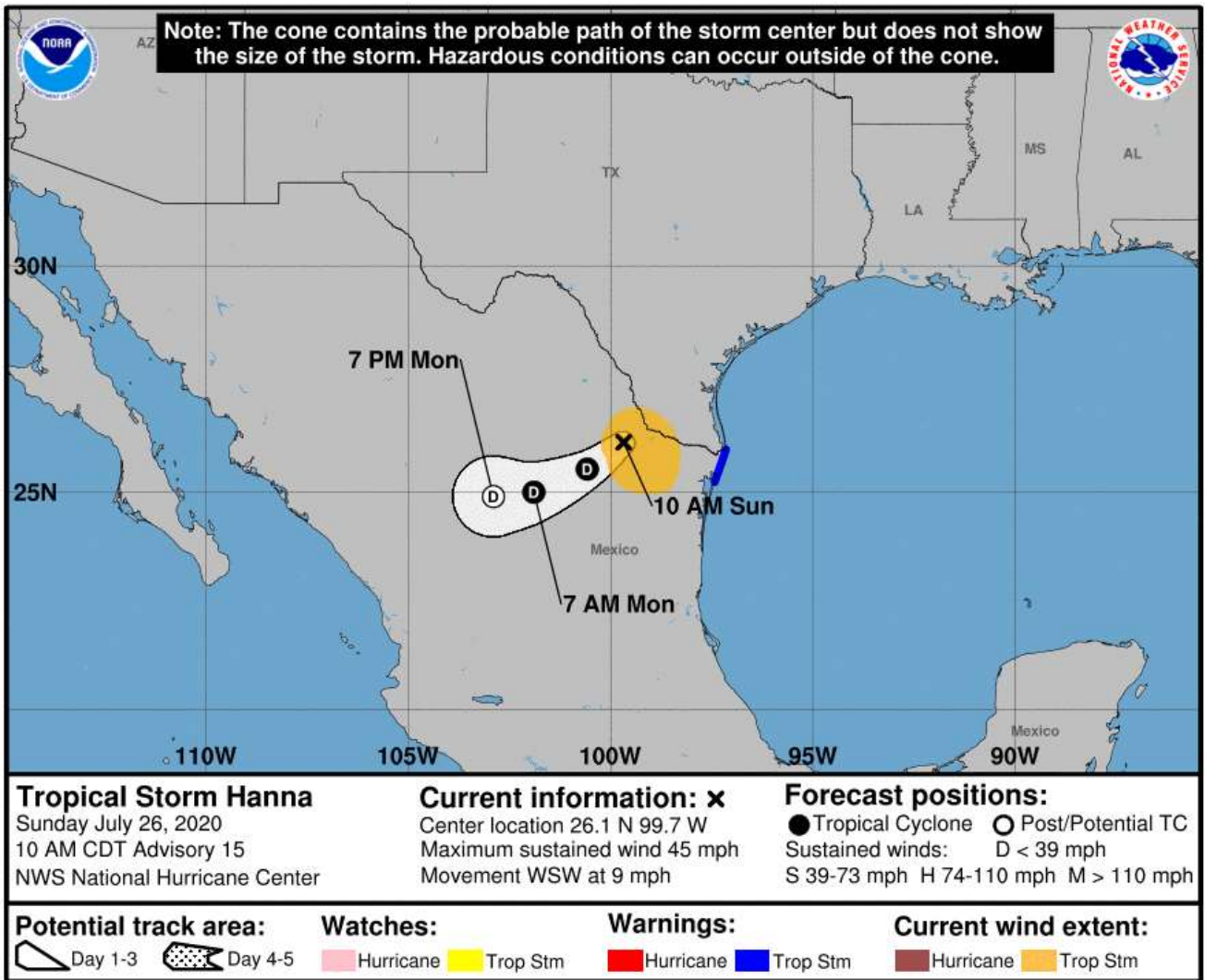
RAINFALL: Hanna is expected to produce the following rain accumulations and flood threats through Monday:

South Texas...Additional 2 to 5 inches. Storm total amounts 6 to 12 inches, isolated 16 inches. Northern Mexican states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas...6 to 12 inches, isolated 16 inches. Northern Mexican states of northern Zacatecas and eastern Durango...1 to 4 inches.

This rain will produce life-threatening flash flooding, rapid rises on small streams, and isolated minor to moderate river flooding in South Texas. Flash flooding and mudslides are likely across Northern Mexican states.

SURF: Swells generated by Hanna will continue to affect much of the Texas and Louisiana coasts for another day or so. These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions. Please consult products from your local weather office.

TORNADOES: A few tornadoes are possible today into this evening across parts of south Texas.



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 raised its activation level to Level II (Virtual) Escalated Response Condition as of July 24, 2020.

Nueces County: The City of Corpus Christi Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated Friday, July 24 at 8:00 PM to monitor Tropical Storm Hanna. [Nueces County issued a Disaster Declaration on Saturday.](#)

Kleberg County: Kleberg County Judge ordered a voluntary evacuation of certain areas due to Hurricane Hanna. These areas include Baffin Bay, Loyola Beach, Ricardo and Riviera, Texas in order to preserve life, mitigate damage, and to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. The County Judge also issued an order closing all Kleberg County Beaches. A local State of Disaster was also declared by the County Judge.

San Patricio County: San Patricio County Judge recommended voluntary evacuation for those in low lying areas subject to flooding. Area residents were also asked to take necessary precautions to protect lives and secure property. Additionally, all vehicle travel should be limited beginning 6 a.m. Saturday morning until noon on Sunday due to tropical storm force winds.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

Cameron County: The Cities of Harlingen and Primera issued a Declaration of Disaster. The Cameron County Judge submitted a Letter to the Governor for Assistance.

Hidalgo County: [Hidalgo County Judge issued a Disaster Declaration.](#)

[Hidalgo County opened seven shelters in La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Pharr, and Weslaco.](#)

[The Cities of Edinburg, La Villa, Mission, Palmhurst, Pharr, and Weslaco have issued Disaster Declarations.](#)

Willacy County: [Willacy County Judge issued a Disaster Declaration.](#)

Region 6 (Includes DDC's 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B and 23)

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria Counties)

DDC 17 Victoria activated to Level III (Virtual) Increased Readiness Conditions as of 6:00 PM on July 24.

DDC 18B – ARCC/Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen and Wilson Counties)

Bexar County – The American Red Cross (ARC) along with Bexar County Office of Emergency Management (BCOEM), Bexar County Fire Marshalls Office (BCFMO) and the City of San Antonio are working in a joint effort to establish an evacuee reception center at the Freeman Coliseum to support possible evacuees for Hurricane Hanna.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Texas A&M University System (TAMUS): [The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations,](#)

letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as disseminating severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the State SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with unmet needs and resources.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force – One (TX-TF1): •TX-TF1 ESF-9 Operations is located at the SOC and being staffed for 24-hour operations at Level III. All SAR Recourse are assigned.

- Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) Swift Water Rescue (SWR) Boat teams, rescued 3 people (80 year old male, elderly female, and a 47 year old male) from their sail boat at the marina located at 1400 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi.
- Deployed TX-TF1 Search and Rescue Resources are staged and ready to respond. 6-TX-TF1 SWR Boat Squads on standby locations with 2-SWR Managers
- 1 – TX-TF1 US&R Type 1 (w/6 water boats, w/1 HPV, Type 1 Equipment Cache)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): The TCEQ Hurricane Hanna website is now live at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes/hanna>

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has worked to get several Alternate Care Sites established recently for COVID-19 response.

State-Operated Medical Shelters

- Freeman Coliseum (San Antonio) Will be ready by midnight Saturday
- Hotel in Pharr, TX Ready to receive patients

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) currently has 15 personnel committed to Hurricane Hanna Response and is providing planning and logistical support to the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Response activities include Situation Reports, STAR Processing, and Resource Tracking of pumps and generators

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has 33 personnel and 12 vehicles in support of the July Tropical Weather Response. TMD is supporting DDC-20 and 21 with Military District Coordinators. TMD is supporting TXTF1 with high profile vehicles. 30 personnel and 12 more vehicles are en-route to San Antonio to provide support.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD): TPWD has rostered and prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats, shallow water boats, and a rescue helicopter with swimmer to support boat rescue operations in areas affected by Hurricane Hanna.

- TPWD has rostered Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ahead of Hurricane Hanna's landfall and is prepared to respond to areas affected by Hurricane Hanna to support boat rescue operations as needed.
- TPWD is also prepared to respond to areas affected by Hurricane Hanna with a Helicopter equipped with a hoist and rescue swimmer to support

- TPWD is also prepared to respond with Game Wardens equipped with Search and Rescue K9's to support rescue operations as a result of Hurricane Hanna.
- TPWD is also prepared to respond with Game Wardens equipped with Unmanned Aerial Systems to support rescue operations as a result of Hurricane Hanna.
- TPWD LE has begun staffing its disaster district chairperson seat at DDC 21 Weslaco daily.
- TWPD SAR Captain is currently traveling to Cameron County to stage equipment for disaster response.

Texas Public Utilities Commission (PUC): As of 10:00 Saturday evening, American Electric Power has approximately 116,000 customers without power, primarily in Hidalgo, Nueces, and Cameron counties. Due to safety concerns, AEP has shut down restoration operations for the night, but will resume at daylight. Port Aransas Water is currently without power, but this should be addressed as soon as it is daylight and safe.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)

The Salvation Army: The Salvation Army has been in communication with all affected field units and placing several feeding units on standby for pre-positioning closer to the affected area in response to Hurricane Hanna. Coordination calls with local, state, and federal partners to include VOAD partner agencies have commenced. The Salvation Army State Operations Center Liaison will be supporting virtually.

Mission Information and Details

- 8- 3500 meal push packs and 2-pallets of water are loaded and will be staged in San Antonio until it's safe to move into the affected area
- 1 Feeding Unit from Kerrville will be deployed to support response efforts in Corpus Christi.
- 5 Additional feeding units (1-full-size canteen and 1-catering truck from San Antonio, 1 Full-Size Canteen from Bryan, 1-full-size canteen from Austin and 1 full-size canteen from Laredo) have been placed on stand-by with the intent of deploying into the Valley. 1 full-size canteen is currently operational in McAllen.
- The McAllen Salvation Army at the request of Hidalgo County Emergency Management has opened its facility at 1600 N. 23rd Street as a pre-landfall shelter with a bed capacity of 30.
- All teams will be adhering to safety protocols put into place due to COVID19, wearing PPE and social distancing where applicable.






American Red Cross:

Shelter	Agency	City	Population	Pop. Change
Pancho Maples FEMA Safe Room	ARC	La Feria/ Cameron County	0	0
Tulosa Midway High school	ARC	Corpus Christi/ Nueces County	0	0

H.M. King High School Dome	ARC	Kingsville/Kleberg County	10	10
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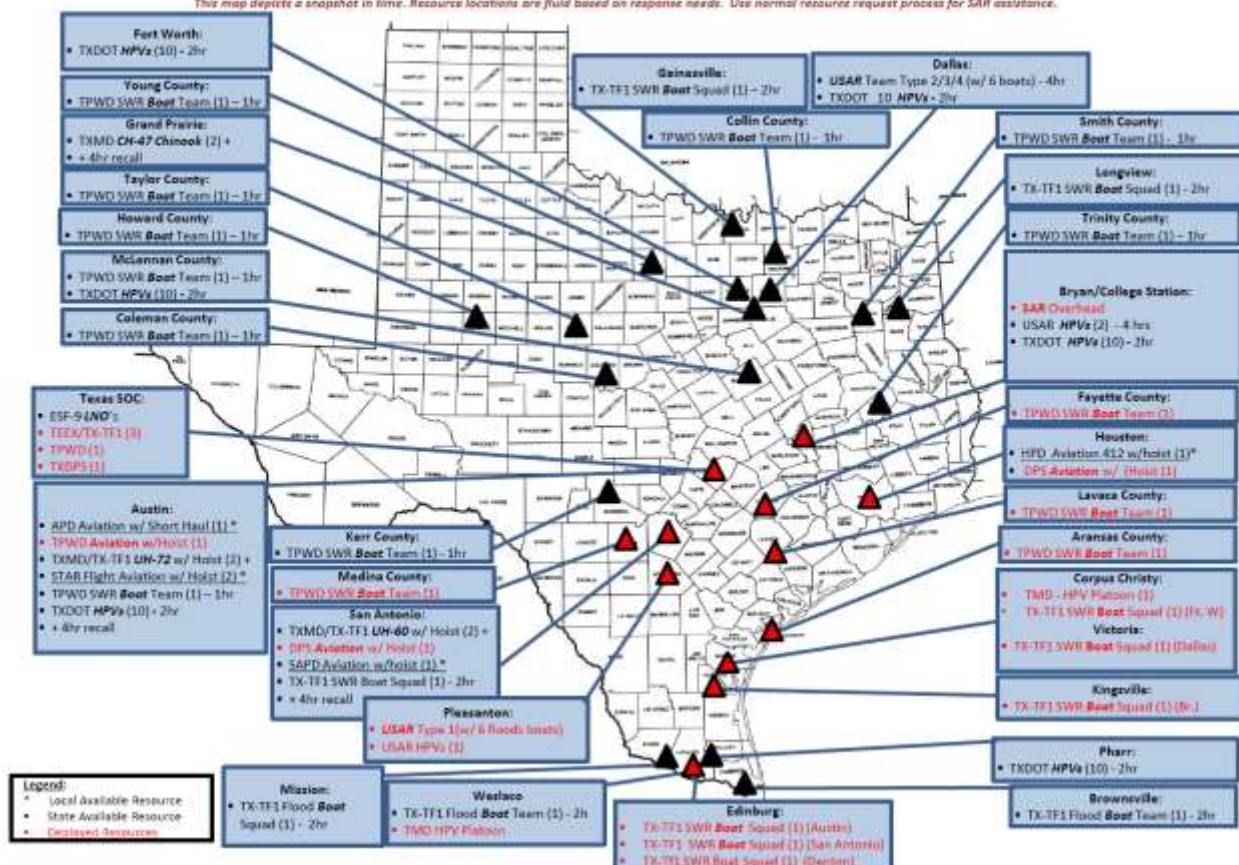
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STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
18	37	50	2	35

SAR Resources 07-26-2020 0300 hours

This map depicts a snapshot in time. Resource locations are fluid based on response needs. Use normal resource request process for SAR assistance.



Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM TAMUS	Alamo Area Regional Command – Evacuee Shelter Reception Center	12	30	Activated	Lower Rio Grande Valley
TDEM TAMUS	Evacuation Buses	50	50	Activated	SOC
TDEM TAMUS	Sanitation Packages			Available	SOC
Texas A&M TEEX TX-TF1	ESF-9 Liaison	3	0	Assigned	Austin/SOC
Texas A&M TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Rescue Boats	40	12	Assigned	Region 3
Texas A&M TEEX TX-TF1	SAR Overhead Team	2	0	Assigned	College Station
Texas A&M TEEX TX-TF1	Type I USAR	76	8	Assigned	Pleasanton
Texas A&M TFS	TFS/ESF 4 Representative	SOC	1		Assigned
Texas A&M TFS	TFS EOC Support	College Station	3		Assigned
Texas A&M TFS	Incident Management Team	DDEOC 20	4		Assigned
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Texas A&M TFS	Resource Tracking Team	DDEOC 21	3		En-route
DPS Aviation	Aircraft/ W Hoist	2	1	Assigned	Houston, San Antonio
DPS Tactical Marine Unit	Rescue Boats	12	6	Activated	Lower Rio Grande Valley
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Teams (EMTF)	36	18	Activated	Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr Counties
DSHS	Staging Area (TFL & MIST) (EMTF)	6	0	Activated	Pharr

DSHS	Alternate Care Sites for Low Acuity	0	0	Available	4 locations
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon (x2)	20	10	En Route	San Antonio
TMD	Ground Transportation HQs	10	2	En Route	San Antonio
TMD	Ground Transportation HQs	11	2	Assigned	Weslaco
TPWD	SOC LNO	2	2	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TPWD	DDC 21 Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Weslaco, Hidalgo DDC Weslaco
TPWD	SAR Captain	1	1	Assigned	Harlingen, Cameron
TPWD	Game Wardens	25	25	Assigned	Upper, Middle, and Lower Coast
TPWD	State Park Police	10	10	Assigned	Upper, Middle, and Lower Coast
TPWD	Swift Water Boats	4	4	Assigned	Upper, Middle, and Lower Coast
TPWD	Shallow Water Boats	15	15	Assigned	Upper, Middle, and Lower Coast
TPWD	Aviation w/ Hoist	2	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	High Profile Vehicles	20	10	Activated	Pharr

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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